



**AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**WORK SESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2011**

The City Council of Austin, Texas convened in a Special Called Meeting on Tuesday, December 6, 2011, City Hall at 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas.

Mayor Leffingwell called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Mayor Leffingwell recessed the Work Session to go into Executive Session at 9:09 a.m.

The City Council went into Executive Session, pursuant to Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, to receive advice from Legal Counsel, to discuss matters of land acquisition, litigation, and personnel matters as specifically listed on this agenda and to receive advice from Legal Counsel regarding any other item on this agenda

- D.1 Discuss legal issues related to development regulations applicable to One World Theatre under Chapter 245 (private consultation with legal counsel pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Government Code).

Executive Session ended and Mayor Leffingwell called the Work Session back to order at 10:20 a.m.

COUNCIL ITEMS OF INTEREST

- B.1 Discussion of format and agenda for February 1, 2012 Council Retreat.
The purpose for the retreat and topics to be discussed will be defined at a future work session. Some suggested topics were: the budget, the bond election, Council priorities and the Comprehensive Plan. The City Manager was directed to look for low cost facilities that are located near public transit and are handicap accessible that could accommodate the retreat. There was no objection expressed to the concept of a one day retreat.
- B.2 Discussion on Council Meeting procedures.
Council Members Morrison and Spelman presented a draft resolution changing Council rules for citizen participation in Council Meetings. Council asked the City Manager to convert the wording to an ordinance that would allow the Council to try the new procedures for 60 days and then codify the rules if it is determined they work as envisioned.

BRIEFINGS

- C.1 Density Bonus Program briefing.
The presentation was made by Sue Edwards, Assistant City Manager, Jim Robertson, Manager of Urban Design Division of the Planning and Development Review Department, and Jon Hockenyo, President, Texas Perspectives.

Mayor Leffingwell adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m. without objection.

The minutes for the work session meeting of December 6, 2011 were approved on this the 15th day of December 2011 on Council Member Martinez' motion, Mayor Pro Tem Cole's second on a 7-0 vote.